

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670

Notice of Public Workshop on the Development of a Basin Plan Amendment concerning
Mercury in Cache Creek, Bear Creek, Sulphur Creek, and Harley Gulch
Colusa, Lake, and Yolo Counties

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) will hold a public workshop to discuss the development of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the control of mercury in Cache Creek, Bear Creek, Sulphur Creek, and Harley Gulch located in Colusa, Lake, and Yolo Counties.

Staff will be providing information to the Regional Board regarding a proposed plan to reduce mercury and methylmercury load from inactive mercury mines and other non-point sources. The proposed plan applies to public and private landowners.

The workshop is scheduled as follows:

Date: 10 or 11 March 2005 (Please contact staff 2 weeks in advance for date)

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova

Who Should Attend: Public and private land owners, county officials in charge of land use and storm water management, federal, state, and local regulators and water management officials, environmental groups, mercury mine owners, and other groups or individuals interested in mercury reduction efforts.

The Regional Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the Central Valley. The Regional Board's Basin Plan identifies beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives and contains programs of implementation to meet those water quality objectives. The Regional Board goes through a formal public process to amend its Basin Plan.

This workshop will provide participants with: 1) information on mercury sources in the Cache Creek watershed; 2) an overview of the proposed Basin Plan Amendments and staff report that was submitted for scientific peer review; and 3) an opportunity for interested persons to provide comments on the proposed amendments to the Basin Plan. All comments will be included in the final administrative record. Following the workshop, staff will review comments received and prepare responses and a final recommendations in a report for Regional Board consideration at a future public meeting.

Questions regarding this issue should be directed to Patrick Morris at (916) 464-4621 or pmorris@waterboards.ca.gov. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users

may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

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